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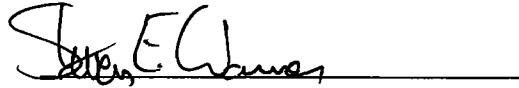
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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

On "Sheet 60 of 115," in "FIG. 60," in logic box "704," "PSEUD-HALFTONING" should read -- PSEUDO-HALFTONING --.

**COLUMN 26:**

Line 22, "if" should read -- If --.

**COLUMN 32:**

Line 12, "color," should read -- color --.

**COLUMN 35:**

Line 36, "continuos" should read -- continuous --.

Line 38, continuos" should read -- continuous --.

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COLUMN 49:

Lines 26-35, "if (D<thres1)

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{lz}^c, L_y^z + P_{ly}^c) = 1, 1 \leq c \leq C \quad (2.1)$$

else if (D<thres2)

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{mz}^c, L_{yz} + P_{my}^c) = 1, 1 \leq c \leq C \quad (2.2)$$

else

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{hz}^c, L_y^z + P_{hy}^c) = 1, 1 \leq c \leq C \quad (2.3)" \text{ should read}$$

as follows: (continued on the next page)

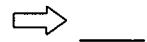
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### COLUMN 49: (continued)

-- if (D<thres1)

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{lx}^c, L_y^z + P_{ly}^c) = 1, 1 \leq c \leq C \quad (2.1)$$

else if (D<thres2)

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{mx}^c, L_y^z + P_{my}^c) = 1, 1 \leq c \leq C \quad (2.2)$$

else

$$I_y(L_x^z + P_{hx}^c, L_y^z + P_{hy}^c) = 1, 1 \leq c \leq C \quad (2.3) --.$$

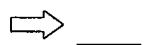
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COLUMN 54:

Line 16, " $I_y(L_x^z + P_{hz}^c, L_y^z + P_{hy}^c) = 1, 1 \leq c \leq C$ " should read  
--  $I_y(N \cdot L_x^z + P_x^c, N \cdot L_y^z + P_y^c) = 1, 1 \leq c \leq C$  (2.5) --.

COLUMN 58:

Line 4, " $\Delta D = M \cdot V \cdot \Sigma I_y(N \cdot L_x^z + P_x^k, N \cdot L_y^z + P_y^k)$ " should read  
--  $\Delta D = M \cdot V - \Sigma I_y(N \cdot L_x^z + P_x^z, N \cdot L_y^z + P_y^k)$  (2.1) --.

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